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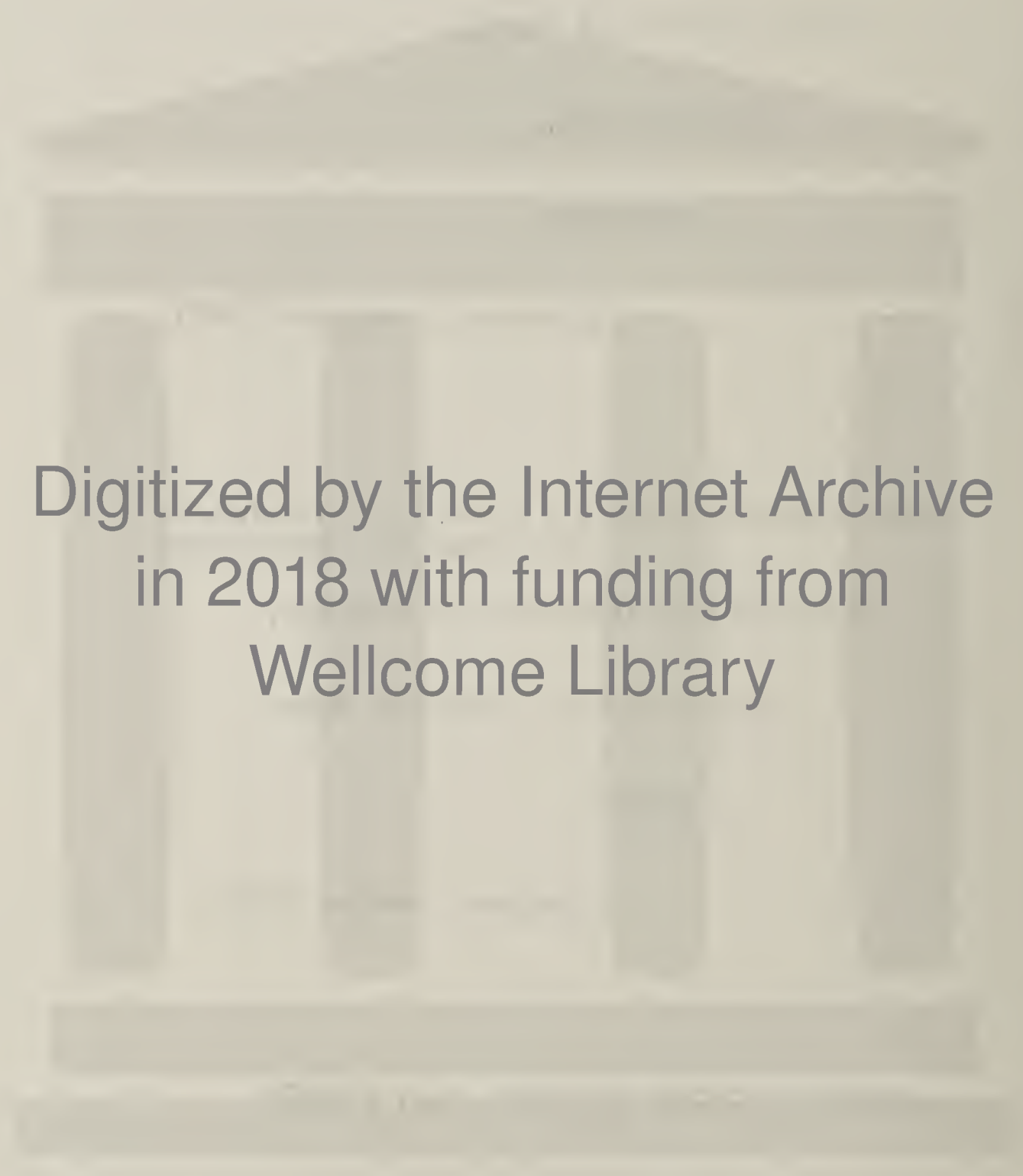
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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1965, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

I have little comment to make on the statistics, except to point out the deaths from lung cancer in men now outnumber all other forms of death from cancer. The relationship of this disease, and of bronchitis, with cigarette smoking, is repeatedly emphasized but to little effect. When will the penny drop?

In thanking Mr. Morley for his report I would like to draw members' attention to the wide variety of tasks he has to undertake as Public Health Inspector; when to these is added those of his duties as Surveyor, one is not surprised that Rural District Council Public Health Inspector/Surveyors sometimes complain of overwork.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,610
Average number of persons per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	.11
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,905
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	.04
Average number of persons per house	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.9
Rateable value .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	£98,503
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	£386.18. 8d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	44	43	87
Illegitimate	5	2	7
	<hr/> 49 <hr/>	<hr/> 45 <hr/>	<hr/> 94 <hr/>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.17	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	16.8	15.9	16.8	16.1	15.9
" " (Adjusted)	19.6	18.6	19.7	20.4	16.7
England and Wales	18.0	18.4	18.2	18.0	17.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D. ..	7.4
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available (1964: 7.2)

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D.	20.8	11.1	20.5	22.0	Nil
England and Wales	15.7	16.3	17.2	18.1	19.1



INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	* (1964: 12.0)

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	13.0

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	20.8
England and Wales	..	26.9

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

\* figure not yet available

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D.	(Total	21.3	45.0	32.3	11.2	Nil
	(Legitimate	23.0	47.1	23.8	11.8	Nil
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	111.1	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	19.0	19.9	21.1	21.6	21.6
	(Legitimate	*	19.4	20.8	21.3	21.2
	(Illegitimate	*	26.3	26.0	27.2	25.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. 1

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	10.4
England and Wales	..	* (1964: 0.25)

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	33	34	67

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.92	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	11.9	9.8	10.8	10.1	11.5
" " (Adjusted)	10.9	9.6	10.6	7.7	11.0
England and Wales	11.5	11.3	12.2	11.9	11.9

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	8	1	9

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D.	1.60	1.61	2.35	2.17	2.35
England and Wales	2.23	2.20	2.17	2.18	2.15

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	20	20	40

\* figures not yet available

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year  
home population:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D.	7.13	5.72	5.77	5.97	5.40
England and Wales	5.95	5.73	5.22	6.14	6.10

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	3	1	4
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Weobley R.D.	0.71	0.71	1.26	0.90	1.62
England and Wales	1.41	1.37	1.71	1.57	1.60

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-	4
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	1	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	4	7
Coronary disease, angina	11	7	18
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart disease	3	8	11
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	2	-	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	2	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1
All other accidents	-	4	4
Suicide	-	1	1
	33	34	67



NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEWeobley Rural District

Disease	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Whooping Cough	-	12	-	-	22
Measles	88	45	56	13	84
Scarlet Fever	8	2	-	1	4
Erysipelas	1	1	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	2	6	7	9
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	1
Tuberculosis:					
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	5	70	29	13	126
Measles	525	609	507	337	583
Scarlet Fever	12	8	12	9	11
Erysipelas	3	2	3	5	3
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	2	2	1
Post-Infectious	-	-	1	2	-
Acute Pneumonia	3	8	13	15	18
Dysentery	6	3	7	1	62
Food Poisoning	8	14	7	5	11
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	2	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	1	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	8	10	9	7	9
Non-Pulmonary	3	3	1	2	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	1	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1965

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	126	180	82	51	27	24	2	8	3	-	1	21	525
Scarlet Fever	-	-	7	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	12
Erysipelas	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dysentery	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	6
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	8
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	8
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3



COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.14	0.27
Measles	14.22	10.67
Scarlet Fever	0.33	0.56
Erysipelas	0.08	0.04
Acute Pneumonia	0.08	0.17
Dysentery	0.16	0.55
Food Poisoning	0.22	0.10
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.22	0.28
Non-Pulmonary	0.08	0.05

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1964.	18	12	7	6
Moved out of district	1	1	-	1
Number on Register at 31st December, 1965.	17	11	7	5

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1961	1	49	1	1
1962	-	49	-	1
1963	-	45	1	3
1964	-	43	1	1
1965	-	40	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres and is situated in the North Western portion of the County.

There are no exceptionally large villages within the district, but each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

Agriculture is the major industry, but on account of mechanisation and rationalisation within the industry the number of persons finding employment in farming is gradually declining.

On the other hand the tendency for people in Hereford and Leominster to reside in the rural district still continues and is regarded as beneficial to the area in all respects.

### WATER SUPPLIES

#### (a) Regional and Village Supplies

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of the supply of the Herefordshire Water Board and mains supplies are available in the greater portion of the district.

A scheme for supplying the Westhope Hill area of Canon Pyon has been prepared by the Water Board and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

#### Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (including farm houses)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Almeley	30	90
Birley	6	18
Bishopstone	48	144
Bridge Sollars	4	12
Byford	21	63
Canon Pyon	53	159
Dilwyn	85	255
Eardisland	38	114
Kings Pyon	49	147
Mansel Lacy	33	99
Monnington-on-Wye	2	6
Norton Canon	51	153
Sarnesfield	1	3
Staunton-on-Wye	71	213

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (Continued)  
(including farm houses)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Stretford	1	3
Weobley	193	579
Yazor	17	51
Kinnersley	5	15

Water Supplied from Private Mains

Bridge Sollars	2	6
Brinsop	3	9
Canon Pyon	2	6
Mansel Lacy	4	12
Preston-on-Wye	20	60
Wormesley	22	66
Yazor	15	45

Water Supplied from Public Water Mains by means of Standpipes

Almeley	1	3
Birley	2	6
Bishopstone	1	3
Dilwyn	6	18
Weobley	7	21

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 60 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Supplies (chlorinated)	22	7	29
Other supplies (wells, springs and Private Supplies)	7	24	31
	29	31	60

Where samples have been proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.



DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Weobley sewage disposal works continues to function satisfactorily, but if housing development within the village is to continue, extensions at the works will become necessary.

As is previous years, difficulty has been experienced in the removal and disposal of sewage sludge.

Work on the construction of a new sewage disposal works at Dilwyn was not completed by the end of the year, due to unforeseen circumstances, but completion should become effective during the early months of 1966.

The sewage disposal scheme for the New End area of Canon Pyon was completed in April, 1965.

Proposals for a small sewerage scheme with an extended aeration plant are in course of preparation for Upper and Lower Moccas.

Number of houses connected to public sewers:	204
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works:	657 (est)
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal:	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal:	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the area.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A fortnightly collection of household refuse has been introduced, although the difficulties in obtaining suitable labour are still being experienced.

Disposal of refuse continues to be a major problem and one which it is suggested can only be dealt with in the long term by the introduction of either fully controlled tipping or some suitable mechanical means of disposal. The importance of the matter has previously been stressed.

On the various collection rounds, the refuse freighter travelled some 6046 miles throughout the year at an estimated average mileage per gallon of fuel of 6.8

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Survey of the District under Section 2 of the Act is again being undertaken by Contract, also all Council properties are being treated as necessary from time to time.

A table describing the properties surveyed and treated during the year is described below.

Summary of Inspections and Treatments for the Year ended 31st December, 1965.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	All other (includ. Business Premises)	Total
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's District	14	1695	383	132	2224
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1965 as a result of notification	-	4	2	-	6
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1965 as a result of survey	14	535	82	21	652
Total number of visits made during 1965	254	539	84	21	898
Number of Properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with rats					
(a) Major	1	1	2	-	4
(b) Minor	5	32	-	21	58
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with mice					
(a) Major	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	6	-	-	-	6
Number of Notices served under Section 4 (Treatment)	-	-	-	-	-
(Structural Works)	-	-	-	-	-
(i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following the issue of a notice under Section 4	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
Number of block schemes	NIL				



SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	3	-	-	-
Building Inspections and New Buildings	442	12	-	12
Building Plans	112	-	-	-
Building Byelaws	3	2	-	2
Building Regulations	1	-	-	-
Council Housing Schemes	216	-	-	-
Council House Management and Maintenance	509	10	-	10
Council House Tenancy Investigations	37	-	-	-
Discretionary Improvement Grants	17	-	-	-
Drainage	17	-	-	-
Establishment	1	-	-	-
Food Premises	20	1	-	1
Housing (F.P.) Act	25	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	62	3	-	3
Hop-pickers Quarters	5	-	-	-
Infectious diseases	7	-	-	-
Ice-cream Licences & samples	1	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	128	-	-	-
Milk Samples	36	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	104	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	34	1	-	1
Nuisances	38	6	-	6
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	8	-	-	-
Overcrowding Survey	1	-	-	-
Planning Duties	10	-	-	-
Petroleum Inspections	15	-	-	-
Public Offices	6	-	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	73	1	-	1
Rodent Control	9	-	-	-

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR (Continued)

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Slaughterhouses	4	-	-	-
Sewage Disposal (including supervision of works under construction)	712	-	-	-
Standard Improvement Grants	73	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	8	-	-	-
Water Samples	57	15	-	15
Water Supplies	13	-	-	-
Totals:	2807	51	-	51

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:

	FACTORIES Mechanical Power		Total	Other Premises
	With	Without		
Almeley	3	-	3	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Byford	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	1
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	-	-	-	1
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	1
Weobley	6	-	6	2
	17	-	17	8

The 'Other Premises' described in the foregoing list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act. There are no large factories in the rural district and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.



HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 and HOUSE  
PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The scheme has been implemented by the Council since 1952 and so far 125 proposals have been approved, two of which were later withdrawn by the applicants. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to 6.6% of the total number of occupied houses.

Three schemes were approved by the Council during the year, six were completed and grants paid.

Standard Improvement Grants

This method of improving old properties continues to be well received and during the year 26 applications were made, 19 of which were approved with 20 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959, some 146 proposals amounting to about 7.7% of the total occupied houses in the area have been approved, five of these being later withdrawn by the applicants.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Following the completion of 14 non-traditional type houses and six bungalows at Canon Pyon, proposals for the erection of 36 houses and two bungalows in the parishes of Bishopstone, Kings Pyon, Norton Canon and Staunton-on-Wye, were well advanced and at the end of the year it seemed likely that a commencement would be made on construction during the early months of 1966.

The erection of industrialised or non-traditional dwellings has resulted in a much quicker completion of building schemes.

Future proposals include six dwellings at Moccas, six dwellings at Preston-on-Wye, a Group Dwellings scheme at Weobley for the accommodation of Elderly Persons and a scheme to convert the existing former school and school house at Letton into accommodation for Problem Families.

A summary of the various Council Housing Schemes is given on page 18.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

28 new dwellings were completed during 1965, and at the close of the year a further 15 were in various stages of construction.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES

	Comp- leted	Year	Under cons- truction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8	1951	-	-	-	-
	2	1955	-	-	-	-
	11	1956	-	-	-	-
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	12	1961
Canon Pyon	2	1945	-	-	-	-
	14	1965	-	-	-	-
(Bungs.)	6	1965	-	-	-	-
Dilwyn	12	1953	-	-	-	-
	4	1955	-	-	-	-
Eardisland	4	1954	-	-	-	-
	15	1955	-	-	-	-
Kings Pyon	-	-	-	-	6	1963
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	6	1962
Letton Conversion	-	-	-	-	2	1965
Moccas	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	14	1962
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-	-
(Conversions)	1	1948	-	-	-	-
	2	1952	-	-	-	-
	5	1952	-	-	-	-
	3	1958	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	20	1962	-	-	-	-
(Group Dwellings)	-	-	-	-	30	1964
	180		-		82	

FINANCIAL ADVANCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE,  
OR RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Since 1956 it has been the Council's policy to advance money for the purposes stated in the heading and, generally speaking, although applications have not been too numerous, the scheme has functioned successfully and has been proved as a means of promoting new building as well as the repair of existing dwellings, without cost to ratepayers.

Table of Advances made since 1956:

For the construction of new houses or bungalows:	15
For the purchase, repair or improvement of existing dwellings:	44

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 245 applications were dealt with during the year as follows:

Plans and particulars relating to:

Private garages	18
Alterations, improvements and additions	51
Drainage Systems	23
Advertisement Signs	4
Private Houses	19
Overhead lines for M.E.B.	17
Petrol Filling Stations and Pumps	2
Accesses	12
Change of use of land	50
Farm Buildings	14
Sites for Moveable Dwellings	6
Change of use of Buildings	4
Council Housing Schemes	6
Conversion of Buildings	1
Verandahs, porches & small extensions	9
Store sheds and greenhouses	3
School Extensions	1
Car Parks	1
Stables	1
H.C.C. Office Block	1
Sewage Disposal Plant	1
M.E.B. Sub-station	1



STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 51,690 gallons.

There are 12 petrol filling stations and 40 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKER'S QUARTERS

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers: 2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

School Milk Supplies

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Thirtyfive samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

Food Premises

As a result of the trend towards working in town and residing in the country, gradually people's shopping habits appear to have undergone a change. In many instances it seems that an increasing proportion of shopping is being carried out in the large town shops and this has resulted in a streamlining of the former village stores, all of which have in the past few years been modernised.

It is noticeable too, particularly in country areas, that more and more foods are now being displayed and sold in pre-packed wrappers, and from a food hygiene point of view this tendency is generally regarded as being satisfactory.

Food Premises in the area:

Butcher's shops	2	School Canteens	4
Grocer's shops	23	Snack Bars	1
Inns and Hotels	21	Cafes	1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Food Premises (Continued)

There are also a few smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets in pre-packed wrappers.

Throughout the year from time to time miscellaneous inspections of food premises were undertaken during the course of other visits, but twenty inspections were made specifically in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations.

Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16:	52
Number of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies:	52
Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19:	52
Premises registered under Food & Drugs Act, 1955, for storage and sale of ice-cream;	31

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. Both establishments have been recently improved.

During the year 116 Beasts, 212 Sheep, 98 Lambs and 193 Pigs were slaughtered at the two establishments and, after inspection, the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:-

39 Bovine livers, 13 sheep livers, 16 pigs' livers,  
10 lambs' livers, 1 pig's head, 1 beast's heart and  
1 lamb's hindquarters.

By comparison with 1964, slightly more animals were slaughtered in the area - 2.8% more.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained, although as in previous years this has frequently meant the working of extra time, outside normal working hours.





